

first WASC school district to gain accreditation for all its schools, achieved nine consecutive clean financial and compliance audits, removed four of its seven special compliance conditions imposed by the USDOE, founded its first K-5 CHamoru language immersion program, created vital credit recovery programs for Guam's two success academies, established a new Tiyan High School, expanded Okkodo High School, and renovated Untalan Middle School. Outside of improved standards and instruction, he has also spearheaded the integration of technology and STEM in the classroom, expansion of programs that promote college and career readiness, and a bolstered school-based behavioral health support system while securing accolades such as two MagPro Best Government Large Agency of the Year awards, three Pika's Best Government Agency of the Year awards, and the 2019 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award. Moreover, amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Fernandez catalyzed comprehensive community support to include launching school meal and community feeding sites, implementing distance learning, ensuring safe practices and protocols in all schools, mobilizing vaccination clinics for employees and students, and pushing for students to return to the classroom.

Beyond these organizational triumphs, Superintendent Fernandez further realized historic personal achievements. In addition to holding the titles as both GDOE's longest-serving superintendent since World War II and the nation's longest-tenured Chief State School Officer, he is the first superintendent from Guam to serve as Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Schools (WASC) and be elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Superintendent Jon J. P. Fernandez for over ten years of invaluable service to generations of students and their families. His resolve to stand up quality education and youth support systems, advance departmental and interagency collaborations, and cultivate meaningful connections at the intersections of education, community, and civic involvement has transformed the foothold of our collective progress and continues to inspire many throughout our island, and I wish him and his family the best during the next chapter of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on rollcall No. 257; and nay on rollcall No. 267.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLELA ROREX

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a proud Coloradan, a champion for equality and a beacon of hope in our community, Clela Rorex, who passed away on June 19, 2022.

Clela served her state honorably as the Clerk & Recorder for Boulder County from 1975 to 1977. Early in her tenure, in 1975, she became the first county clerk in the nation to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple. And in so doing, she changed the lives of countless families across the country. Clela firmly believed in equality under the law, and was a proud champion for justice and inclusion, believing that every American's freedom to live without fear of discrimination must be protected.

Clela was truly a pillar in our community and a symbol of hope for families across our country. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those who knew and loved her.

As we mourn her passing, we will remember her life and be inspired by her devotion to making this world a better place.

HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PERSONNEL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between our ports of entry. They protect Americans against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce our laws and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play each day may differ, the men and women of CBP share one common goal: to keep our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. They provide selfless service to our country, and they do so with honor and distinction under an ever-present and evolving threat. I wish to pay tribute to the agents, officers and employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our Nation by honoring 37 courageous men and women of CBP who have died in the line of duty. Today we commemorate these brave men and women, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful nation. I include in the RECORD a list of these agents and officers:

Wolf Valmond, CBP Officer Trainee; End of Watch: December 15, 2019.

Juan Ollervidez III, CBP Agriculture Specialist; End of Watch: December 16, 2020.

Denis Jasper Wells, Facility Operations Specialist; End of Watch: December 17, 2020.

Andrew R. Bouchard, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 19, 2020.

Troy A. Adkins, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 31, 2020.

Byron Shields, CBP Officer; End of Watch: January 20, 2021.

Beverly Good, Director of Field Operations; End of Watch: January 28, 2021.

Robert Allan Mayer Jr., Special Agent; End of Watch: January 30, 2021.

Rudy Morales Jr., Maintenance Mechanic; End of Watch: February 5, 2021.

Cesar Sibonga, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 7, 2021.

Genaro Guerrero, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 15, 2021.

Carlos C. Mendoza, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 24, 2021.

Crispin San Jose, CBP Officer; End of Watch: March 9, 2021.

Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: March 15, 2021.

Christopher Shane Simpkins, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: April 12, 2021.

Freddie Vasquez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 8, 2021.

Juan M. Urrutia, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 28, 2021.

Ruben Facio, CBP Officer; End of Watch: July 17, 2021.

Edgardo Acosta-Feliciano, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Daniel P. Cox, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Ricardo Zarate, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 16, 2021.

Yokemia L. Conyers, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 18, 2021.

Monica J. Riola, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 20, 2021.

Erik J. Skelton, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 24, 2021.

Chad E. McBroom, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 29, 2021.

Francisco V. Tomas, CBP Technician; End of Watch: September 1, 2021.

David B. Saavedra, CBP Officer; End of Watch: September 2, 2021.

Luis H. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 23, 2021.

David B. Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 26, 2021.

Alfredo M. Ibarra, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 27, 2021.

Victor Donate, CBP Officer; End of Watch: October 7, 2021.

David H. Gray, Enforcement Analysis Specialist; End of Watch: October 8, 2021.

Rafael G. Sanchez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: October 24, 2021.

Mathew L. Lyons, Port Director; End of Watch: October 28, 2021.

Anibal "Tony" Perez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 5, 2021.

Martin Barrios, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 29, 2021.

Salvador Martinez Jr., Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 30, 2021.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE (VINS) IN QUECHEE, VERMONT

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work and enduring impact of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee, VT. I would also like to congratulate them as they celebrate their 50 Year Anniversary. Since their opening in October of 1972, VINS has served as a pillar of the community, educating Vermonters